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Erie County Department of Health Wins National Achievement Awards

Erie, PA – The National Association of Counties (NACo) announced the 2016 Achievement Award winners, which included two top honors going to the Erie County Department of Health (ECDH). Erie County's "Pumped for Work" and "Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring & Response Strategy" programs were recognized.

"It is truly exciting to be able to celebrate our public health work with such a prestigious achievement award that showcases the health department's ability to be innovative and engaging within our communities," said ECDH Director, Melissa Lyon.

Selected for an Achievement Award in the Health category, the "Pumped for Work" program awards grants to local businesses, organizations, and non-profits to update their lactation space in compliance with federal law. The "Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring & Response Strategy" is a private-public partnership that designated a taskforce to monitor local waters for hazardous algal blooms, sample collected protocols, address equipment methodologies, monitor algae and toxin thresholds, develop educational tools and advisory methods, and designate community partner responsibilities.

Noting that ECDH is one of two accredited health departments in the state of Pennsylvania, Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper said, "We have a top-notch health department in Erie County. ECDH's superior programming is garnering attention nation-wide, and I am very proud of their work."

More information about NACo and the 2016 Achievement Awards can be found at www.naco.org.

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